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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-4

Part B for April 1924

SUBJECT

Revision of the scale of Lepra
in the Kheda Taluka.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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From

No. 773 of Dated Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Before ~~the~~ examining the revision proposals sent up, it may, perhaps, be submitted that half a dozen petitions from the employees of the temple making their own representations in the matter of the proposed revision, [illegible]

This is unsatisfactory

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been received here. If approved, these will be forwarded to the Mug: Comr. for a reconsideration and modification, if necessary, of the revision proposals, in the light of the representations made and reomb^d to Govt. for orders.

Subd. for orders.

8D 7.2.24 2) Mahajans tender their opinion as to their awareness of opinion on their part. The proposals require any reconsideration to submit revised proposals. Urgent memo has been already ordered.

13.2.24.

3) Draft subd.

8D 14/2/24 4) 18 sm 14.2.24.

2 To the Muzrai Commr. No. 1081 d. 16.2.24.

Forwards for his opinion certain petitions presented by the employees of the temple making certain representations in connection with the proposed revision and requests that revised proposals may be sent up if necessary in the light of these representations.

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States that the scale has been revised
after very careful study of the [illegible]
Messrs Aravamudiyar & T. Sesagiriyar
and requests that the same may be
sanctioned.

5) The revision of the scale of Establt proposed by the late Muzrai Secretaries Messrs G. Aravamudiyar and T. Sesagiriyar and now supported by the Muzrai Commr is the result of their prolonged study on the spot of the requirements of the temple and discussions with the Dharmadarsis of the Estt. Each individual case was thoroughly considered and disposed of, and tho' there has been a reduction of appts, care has been taken that no hardship is caused to any of the incumbents working in the temple.

6) The scope of the revision proposed is as follows:—

(1) Reduction in the No. of sinecure & superfluous appts, avoiding inconvenient & inconsistent combinations of appts, so that temple work can get on smoothly without causing any hardship, or unnecessary [illegible] to acting incumbents, and readjustment of temple Estt so as to secure

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present requirements.

(2) Revision of scale of Levy the fees so as to augment the income of the temple.

(3) Rules for the regulation of the Gumastha system, so as to remedy the existing evils.

(4) Rules for the distribution of Sthalavasi and Bhatamanya allowances, & the distribution of Suddhanna, Dosé and Prasada.

(5) defining the duties of temple servants (Agamikapetty).

(6) Exemption of the temple funds from the levy of the prescribed percentage contribution for Muzrai Establishment fund; and instead of this, provision for a clerk on Rs 20 per mensem for the Taluk Muzrai Gumastha.

(1) I am not in favour of granting exemption from the levy. Even those temples which are in receipt of income have to contribute for the maintenance of the Muzrai Establishment.

7) all these cost the temple Rs 23,525 per annum against the total income of Rs 23,775 p.a. resulting in a saving of Rs 250 per year for unforeseen Expenses.

(2) The question of reserve fund is quite independent. A reserve of about 28 lakhs of rupees for the whole Presidency should be provided for in addition to the reserve for unforeseen Expenditure.

8) The Taluk Muzrai Supdt in his note makes another recommendation and Whitty Govt orders thereon. This is also therefore provided for in the proposed scale; and that is:—

9) The Sravana nakshatra Katti in the Vaikuntha Kattu of Sri Vedanta Desikan and has been provided for in the scale at Rs 1-4-0 per mensem i.e Rs 15 per year.

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Community have been asking for a small provision for the Vakkeeka Kattu of Pillai Lokacharya, and a sum of Rs 1-4-0 per month or Rs 15 per year may be sanct^d. This may perhaps be sanct^d in order to satisfy the sentiments of the Tengalai Srivaishnavas of the place. The matter is for kind orders. If this is sanct^d the savings will be reduced to Rs 235 per year which seems quite adequate.

(3) ✓ I agree L Iyer.

(10) The late Muzrai Supdt here, the Dy Com^r recommends & the Muzrai Com^r supports the recommendation that the Pedikai may be given an interest free Rs 200/- and a security for that amt taken from him.

(4) A small interest free Rs 50/- Sanctioned ✓

(11) In para 3 of his note Mr Jagannadha Iyer stated that no Convenor had been appd in place of the late Pandit Ratnam Krishnamacharyulu. Vidwan Lakshmi Tatacharya, the present Principal of the Madras Sanskrit College has since been appointed Dharmakarta & Convenor of the Committee in Memo No. 5845/Muzrai 30-4-22 & 20-4-22. So no action is reqd in the matter at present.

(12) If the above proposals are approved a Govt order will be issued.

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(13) Agree with the remarks above

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With reference to the Members' Order marked at (1) on the margin of page 4 re the waiving of percentage contribution of the Muzrai Estt Fd, it is submitted that in the case of the Sri Kanyakumari Swamy temple at Semgapatam, Govt declined to sanction an Exemption, while in the case of the Sri Sri Kanteswara Swamy temple at Nanjangud (Vide Govt no 379-81/Muz 379-88-2 dt 30.7.19), Such an Exemption was approved, subject to reconsideration when the financial condition of the temple shd improve.

The percentage contribution, in the Case of the Melkote temple, for the Estt Fd comes to Rs 1185-12-0 ie 5% on the gross earnings of the temple, which, it is respectfully sub^d is a large amt. The late Muz^l Secy dec^d and the Muz Com^r consider that this levy maybe lowered; but that a provision of a Clerk on Rs 20 in the Hindu Records Sub Taluk maybe made.

Orders are solicited on this point. On receipt of this order, the scale will be rev^d for revision in the other respects as ordered by the Members.

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* Govt no 639-41 Muz: 379-21-2 dt 9.8.22

* Inam in favour of grants & Exemptions &c

5% of 23725-12 = 23725/20 = 1185-12-0

No proposal is made in view of this observation of the Govt Pleader.

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I am not in favour of granting the withdrawal from the Jagir of the Estate mentioned above in the Muz. Dept. for the Scale may be revised making the necessary provision for it.

If the receipts are found quite inadequate to meet the absolutely necessary unavoidable Expenses the Govt. is supplemented by receipts from the Devasthanam may be considered

Draft may be put up for approval

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Draft letter to the Muzrai Comr is put.

4-4-24 Put draft as noted

Put draft letter to Muzrai Comr.

7-4-24 Do approved

7.4.24

221/7.4.24 2nd member

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4	To the Muz. Commr. No. 1385 d. 9.6.24. State that the margin of reserve according to the scale mentioned is quite inadequate and that a reserve of about Rs. 1000 or 5 or per cent after meeting the prescribed charges should be provided for by a suitable reduction in some of the proposed items of expenditure, that grant are not in favour of exempting the institution from contributing towards the Muzrai Estt. Fund & requests that ... may be suitably revised.

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 27th November 1923.

From

K. Chandy, Esquire., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esquire., P.A.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

Muz. 205-23-1.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1915/M.F.460-19 dated 19th December 1922 and subsequent communications regarding the fixing of a revised scale of expenditure in the temples at Melkote, I have -- the honor to submit herewith copy of letter R.Dis.No.18 of 23-24 -- dated 6th November 1923 together with its enclosures received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, furnishing his opinion on the proposals worked up by the late Muzrai Superintendent and to - state as follows:

(i) The inclusion of "Sri Bhasya" appointment along with ----- Veda Parayana will give room to unnecessary complication and its - inclusion with one of the mantrapushpa men is more appropriate. One sloka from Sri Bhasya is expected to be recited at the time of offering "mantrapushpa" to the deity and the proposal made by the Muzrai Superintendent may therefore be allowed to stand. The Agama Parikshikar of this office is also of the same opinion.

(ii) Defining the powers of the Peshkar do not come within the scope of the revision proposals and separate recommendations on -- this behalf will be submitted in due course, after studying the requirements of the Nanjungud, Seringapatam and Kalasa temples.

(iii) I agree with the Deputy Commissioner and the late Muzrai Superintendent in thinking that it is necessary to allow the ---- Peshkar to hold a permanent imprest. In the proposed revision,

provision has been made for a monthly contingent grant of Rs.12-8-0 or Rs.150/- a year and for an annual expenditure of Rs.50/- for tinning vessels etc. I am of opinion that an imprest equal to these amounts, viz., Rs.200/- may be allowed to the Peshkar, on his furnishing a -- security of Rs.200/- either in cash or in the shape of loan bonds.

(iv) Proposals for a revision of the sevartha fees have just now been formulated and it is not possible to say to what extent the temple will be benefitted and what the additional income will be. The working of the revised scheme will be carefully watched and a special report submitted at the end of the first year as to contribution that may be made payable towards the Town improvement.

2. The English translation of the ayakattee Patti submitted herewith need not be printed at this stage as it requires material revision in view of the several changes proposed in the present proposals by way of abolishing certain appointments and creating new ones to meet the -- present-day requirements of the temple. This Patti will be revised - on receipt of Government orders and submitted for approval in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner.

3. Subject to the above modifications I recommend that the proposals which have the approval of the local officers and temple Dharmadarsis - may be submitted. Sanctioned

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Date of issue 16.2.24

Signed by Mr. T. Ramaiya

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No. 1081

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The Mys: Comr in Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

Referring to your letter no. C. 773 of 22-23 & 29-11-23 submitting for sanction proposals for a revision of the scale of expenditure in the temples of Melkote, I am directed to forward herewith, for your opinion, the marginally noted petitions presented by certain employees of the temple making

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certain representations in connection with the proposed revision and to request that revised proposals may be sent up, if the proposals require any reconsideration in the light of the representations made.

2. The enclosures are returned for reference and retransmission.

I have etc

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List of enclosures.

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No. C 7739 ~~the file~~. Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 22nd February 1924.

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From

K. Chandy, Esquire., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Mur 205-23-3

Bangalore.

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esquire., B.A.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1081/M.F.205-23-2 dated 16th February 1924, re the revision of the scale of expenditure in the temples at Melkote, I have the honor to state that the proposals sent up with my letter of the 29th November 1923 are the out-come of prolonged local enquiries and close study of the present requirements of the temples by the previous Muzrai Superintendents (the late Mr. G. Aravamudu Iyengar and Mr. T. E. Jayarama Iyer) and the memorandum appended thereto explains the scope of the present revision and the cirsumstances necessiating it. These proposals have not only been discussed by the committee of Dharmadarsis on more than one occasion but have also been examined by all the local officers and accepted by them in their entirety.

2. Two of the petitioners, viz., K. Alasingrachar and S. Narayana Iyengar refer to the marginally noted appointments held by them in the temple and pray that either the nature of these appointments or the emoluments attached there-to should in no way be effected by the proposed revision.

1. Addika of Suthalugudis and of Hill temple 2. Supervision of Cheluvearasina Kola.
1. Kalyani Pradakshine 2. Thirtha Kaynkarya of ammanavaru Sannidhi & 3. Nityachaluve etc.

Owing to altered circumstances and exigencies of temple service and with a view to the reduction of unnecessarily large number of superfluous and ill-paid servants-most of which are not of an hereditary

nature - and to increase the emoluments of others from the savings -- rendered available thereby, changes after carefully considering the circumstances of each individual case are proposed and no officiator can legitimately take any objection to such a course.

In the present instance though some of the appointments held by the petitioners have been retrenched yet care has been taken that they are provided with other suitable appointments and that their - emoluments are not greatly reduced. This aspect of the question - will be more fully considered when making allocations in conformity with the revised proposals and suitable remedies applied.

3. The third petition from the residents of Melkote refers in -- general terms to certain items of the revision proposals and more particularly to the revision of the clerical staff of the temple -- (including the Peshkar) on a broader basis and also to the enhancement of the cash grant and to the free gift of 50 acres of land under the Krishnaraja Sagara.

The former suggestion of the petitioners does not call for any remarks and as regards the latter reference is invited to the recommendation contained at page 15 (iv miscellaneous) of the Muzrai ---- Superintendent's memo accompanying the proposals.

4. For these reasons, I am of opinion that the proposals do not require reconsideration in the light of the representations made.

5. The enclosures together with the petitions are resubmitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

P.S. Absent on Tour.

KSR.

THE MUZRAI SUPERINTENDENT'S

OFFICE

NOTE.

SUBJECT. Revision of the scales of expenditure in the Sri Narayanaswami and Sri Narasimhaswami temples at Melkote.

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The temple of Sri Narayanaswami at Melkote is the premier Sri Vaishnava institution in the State and it has a number of smaller temples depending on it for Paditara and Deeparadhane expenses. The temple of Sri Narasimhaswami on the Hill at Melkote has an independent cash grant of Rs. 1625/- and not-with-standing this fact the institution has all along been treated as subsidiary to the bigger temple in as much as the Utsava idol of Sri Cheluvarayaswami is common to both the institutions and the surplus income of the Hill temple is used for the benefit of the other institution. None the less the temple is held in very great veneration and the circle of devotees is also very appreciable. The temple of Sri Pattabhiramaswami is another institution of the kind and the treatment accorded to Sri Narasimhaswami has been extended to it also.

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2. A revision of the then existing scale was effected in 1900 and the expenditure was only confined to the cash grant of the respective institution. Thus the scale now in force was fixed nearly two decades ago when conditions were very favourable and the cost of living was very cheap. A revision now with a view to regulate the ever-increasing temple expend-ture and the distribution of Sthalavasa and Bhatamanya allowances is deemed absolutely necessary. With the slender resources now available, no elaborate scheme of revision is possible but in the proposals made hereunder only a readjustment of the current expenditure is attempted. The only way in which an appreciable amount ca be found is by a reduction in the number of appointments several of which are either sinecure or superflous. The temple -- servants and the Dharmadarsis are opposed to any such reduction notwithstanding that more than one servant holds many an appoin-ment to the prejudice of temple service. All sorts of inconvenient and inconsistent combination of appointments have been made and the baraward-dar does not attend to any duty satisfactorily. In the proposal now made, care has been taken to avoid such inconvenient combinations and to see that while the temple work gets on smoothly, no hardship or unnecessary monetary loss is caused to the acting incumbents.

3. These considerations and the investi-gation of the income, expenditure and --

and immediate requirements of the various Muzrai Institutions with special reference to the contributions which can be made available for the Muzrai Establishment fund, ordered in Government Proceedings No 2538-49/M.F.694-15-1 dated 2nd April 1917, have led to the formation of these proposals.

4. The temple of Sri Narayanaswami i in the enjoyment of a cash grant of Rs. - 20,295/- per annum in addition to certain land endowments as per details in the -- statement appended hereto. The average collections amount to Rs. 1,961/- in the case of Sri Narayanaswami and Rs. 2,245/8 in the case of Sri Narasimhaswami. With Rs. 73/8 representing the cash grant of Sri Pattabhi Ramaswami, the total income of the combined institutions may be taken to be Rs. 23,775-0-0 a year. As the -- prices of provisions etc., have gone up very high, it is very difficult to mainta the temple and the services therein in an efficient condition and if they go up higher still, it will be impossible to maintain the present standard unless some relief is afforded either in the shape of lands at a favourable upset price or by an addition to the cash grant.

I. ESTABLISHMENT.

5 The existing establishment of Sri Narayanaswami and other dependent temples consists of 240 baraward-dars and these offices may be roughly distributed as follows:--

registers which have been kept. No entries subsequent to 1909 have been made. The accounts of the temple are in no -- better condition. All receipts from what-ever source are clubbed together and no ledger is maintained. Expenditure is incurred without consideration to standing orders and orders of superior officers. No permanent imprest is allowed to the Peshkar and as a result, indiscriminate use of the moneys coming into ~~the~~ his hands is made by him. Large sums of money are always retained in the temple office without being credited to the Treasury which is highly irregular. The lands belonging to the temple are for the most part in the enjoyment of third parties and the income derived by the temple -- therefrom is ~~xxx~~ negligible, but the kandayam and the cesses payable to Government are regularly paid out of temple funds.

8 However efficient a Peshkar may be, the work especially at the present time when there are heavy accumulated arrears, seems to be too much for a single individual. In the proposals now submitted, a superior clerk and accountant designated as Sheristedar on a pay of Rs. 20/- is provided. It is expected that this -- official will relieve the Peshkar of a considerable portion of his routine work and that the latter will be able to devote his great attention, among other matters, to the rectification of the existing evils and the improvement of the temple lands.

9 As there will not be sufficient work for a full-time "Nagadi Gumasta" afte the appointment, as now proposed, of a Sheristedar who will have charge of cash, accounts, etc., it is proposed to abolish the post of Nagadi Gumasta.

10 Enquiries locally made show that the ~~present~~ performance of services on behalf of sevarthadars who visit the temple is far from satisfactory. Many votive offerings of considerable value are said to have been appropriated by some of the residents of Melkote who do not show them to find their way to the temple. To cater to the wants of sevarthadars and render them assistance for proper -- ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ etc., a full time "Sevartha Manegar" is proposed to be appointed. If care is taken to see that the full income derivable from this source is actually obtained, there is every -- likelihood of the temple getting a substantial increase to its present resources Opportunity has also been taken to revise the scale of sevartha fees. There is now no scale worth the name and except under "Ashtottothara" and "Sahasranama", no -- portion of the fee levied goes for the benefit of the temple. Statement showing the fee leviable for each individual seva and its distribution are put up. The proposals in this respect closely follow the practice prevailing in other institutions of the kind.

11 For the 48 adhyapaka services in

in the existing scale, only 6 Barawaradars are available for work and some of them are not quite fit for the post. The number has been reduced in the proposed scale to 24; and there will also be, in addition, four men for Stotra Parayana during archane in the Sannidhis. Men versed in Veda and Prabandha should be appointed for these places, preference being given to men already rendering -- service and such other men whose places have been either retrenched or combined with other appointments.

12 There are two Volagudi-Parpathegars to supervise the conduct of worship, to arrange for the timely celebration of periodical utsavams and to exercise -- control over Madapalli etc. As there are no fixed duties assigned to each of the Parpathegars and as the responsibility is also divided, the appointments serve more as a hindrance than as help for the smooth working of the temple affairs. Not only are these appointments the chief source of fomenting interminable quarrels detrimental to efficiency but the quality and quantity of work also do not warrant the continuance of the two whole-time servants. It is therefore proposed to combine the two appointments and to have one efficient man on a fairly decent -- salary.

13 The difficulty for want of archaks is nowhere felt so keenly as here. There should be at least 4 men always present if the worship is to be efficiently ~~and~~

efficiently and satisfactorily conducted.

(1) Swami Sannidhi,
(2) Ammanavara Sannidhi,
(3) Cheluvarayaswami Sannidhi, and
(4) Narasimhaswami Sannidhi.

In addition to each of the above Sannidhis every archak has to look after some -- "Suthalagudis" also. The pay of the archaks has been fixed at a uniform rate of Rs. 10/- a month. Out of the three archaks that were available for service, one died recently and there are only two now, of whom one is only an acting incumbent. It is high time that the claims of those who have an hereditary hak should be enquired into and the hakdars told to do the duty themselves or to produce suitable officiators on pain of their hak being ignored and competent new men being appoint-ed at the option of Government. Attempts should also be made to merge in some of the existing vacancies the archaks who have been acting for a considerable length of time.

14 As already pointed out in the -- previous paragraphs of this memorandum. the Gumasta system in this and certain other important temples has assumed incorvenient proportions leading to inconsistent groupings and combination of duties which are not possible of satisfactory performance. With a view to regulate this system a set of rules are appended hereto. If these rules are brought into force, much of the existing abuses will undoubtedly be --

be remedied to a very great extent.

15 Some of the other sinecure posts such as Prasada Paniya, Vottu Addika, -- Phakta Vigraha Sannidhi Addika etc., have been brought under retrenchment.

16 As it is proposed to lease out the Namada Thatte garden to the best advantage of the institution, the establishment maintained therefor is proposed to be done away with. No useful purpose is served by maintaining an establishment without adequate return. The services of the gardeners are likely to be utilized otherwise.

17 In almost all cases small increases have been proposed, thus bringing the average emoluments of each individual to Rs. 5/- against Rs. 3/- obtaining now. There is no doubt that this is wholly inadequate when regard is had to the prevailing high prices of the necessaries of life and the isolated situation of the hamlet of Melkote on an out of the way hill, but matters cannot be further improved unless there is a substantial addition to temple income.

18 These are the main features of the proposed revision under establishment and care has been taken neither to omit any of the time-honoured services nor to combine them in such a way as to prejudice the rights of the existing baravarddars.

19 In respect of the Hill Temple also a reduction in the number of hands is

is proposed without in any way affecting the efficiency of the services therein. There are now 32 servants at a total cost of Rs. 55/- a month. The number has been reduced to 22 and the cost raised by Rs. - 15/-. Provision has also been newly made for the satisfactory discharge of Paricharike service in the Sri Pattabhiramaswami Sannidhi.

II. NITYAKATLE.

As in other temples in the State, amounts for several items of expenditure have been fixed and not the quantity of rice etc., required for daily neivedya. In view of the prevailing high prices, this is working as a great hardship and the neivedya offered to the diety has therefore greatly diminished both as regards quality and quantity. A sum of Rs. 610/- a month or Rs. 7,320/- a year is the provision made in the existing Tasdik Patti for all items of Nityakatle expenditure and a major portion of this, viz., Rs. 4,332/- is taken away for the distribution of Stalavasa and Phatamarya allowances.

The instructions already given for the distribution of the former allowance is more honoured in their breach than in their observance. Rice is very indiscriminately distributed without any consideration to the place of residence of the recipient. Definite rules have now been formulated and are submitted hereinto. Strict observance of these rules by the local officers in respect of these allowances expected to

to go a great way towards remedying the existing evils. The rules as now framed do not aim at any drastic reformation in the distribution of these allowances. The sole object with which they have been framed is to ensure a fair distribution of the allowances only among the decendants of the original sannaddars and such others who have made Melkote the place of their permanent residence.

But as regards Bhatmanya a slight departure from the existing practice is proposed. The rice purchasable for Rs. 75/- is distributed over the whole month and the quantity fixed for a day is -- converted into "ಅಂಬಾರ" and after being offered to the Diety is distributed to the descendants of the original Sannadars. As very few of such representatives are co residents of Melkote and as the distribution has given occasion to endless -- difficulties and local disputes, it is proposed to restrict the distribution strictly to the representatives of the Sannadars, any thing remaining over being distributed in accordance with the instructions laid down in para 6 of the rules.

Small increases under certain other items deemed most urgent have also been made and these call for no special remarks. Thus the existing provision of Rs. [illegible] has been raised to Rs. [illegible] resulting in a net increase of Rs. [illegible] a month. Even this is of course inadequate considering the importance and the antiquity of the

of the temple but it cannot be reduced in the present financial condition of the temple. As already stated the revised rates for sevarthas, if brought into effect immediately, will bring some additional income, but no material improvement will be possible until at least the temple gets back the possession of its lands and the lease period of the Cauri lands etc have been given for inadequate gutta -- expires.

24 The Tenkalai Sri Vaishnavas have been long asking for a small provision for the celebration of the Rakshabandhan utsava of Pillai Lokacharya. This request has not till now been complied with. But as the revival of Vedanta Desikar's Makshatra Natte utsava has been ordered by Government, it appears to me that a provision of Rs.1-4- may similarly be made for the utsava of Pillai Lokacharya and orders of Government are solicited on this point. The request of the Tengalais is perfectly reasonable.

25 No material changes are proposed in respect of the Nityanatte expenses of the Hill temple. The diety has a large number of voturies in the surrounding villages.

26 To avoid constant friction and frequent disputes between different parties definite instructions for the guidance of the temple servants and the local officers are laid down regarding the distribution of Sudamanna, Dose and Prasada. In laying down these instructions, great care

care has been taken to see that the existing arrangements are interfered with as little as possible.

III. HETCHUKATTU.

27 The expenditure under this item has been left in tact for reasons set forth above. As each item of the Hetchukattu utsava is an important factor in itself, a readjustment of allotment is not even possible.

28 The only item under which some saving can be effected is the provision made on account of Krishnaraja Mudi -- Utsava, but it is not quite easy on -- account of the vested interests possessed by many. There have been numerous -- complaints against the acharyapurusnas who are said to attend the place during the utsava. The matter will be enquiried in to separately and a report made to Government for orders.

29 The alternative proposal to effect some savings is to omit certain items of current expenditure such as the distribution of cocoanuts to the residents of Melkote ~~and~~ on Prathama Ekadasi day, and of jagerry on Kodithirunal day. Some little saving may also be effected by lessening the expenditure on the yearly purchase of bamboos and wooden poles etc., for Ratha-Utsava and Kottarotsava.

30 Similarly the expenditure in the Hill temple in respect of Hetchukattu items has been left wholly in tact.

A small provision for the offering of some special worship in the Sri Pattabhirama-swami Sannidhi on Sri Rama Navami and Vairamudi days has been newly made.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

31 The expenditure under this head call for no special remarks. Necessary provision for periodical petty repairs, white-washing, annual supply of clothing to -- sepoys etc., has been made.

32 It will be seen that no efforts have been spared to balance the expenditure with the income, of the temples, and that care has also been taken to keep in tact all the time-honoured services in these temples of Puranic fame and celebrity.

33 A larger amount than is now provided for has to be allotted towards the cost of Mariyades to be shown to Sri Parakalaswami on the occasion of Chaturmasya Sankalpa under the recent orders of Government. The margin of safety is now so narrow that it will not admit of any addition. Moreover the prices in the cost of articles are sure to vary and it seems best to make the purchases every year and debit the cost to temple funds.

34 These proposals result in a total expenditure of Rs. 25,5[illegible]6-0-0 a year, leaving a small balance of Rs. 260/- which is practically next to nothing. The buildings which require annual repairs and maintenance are numerous and it is not possible to make provision for them, unless

unless fresh sources of income are tapped and the existing sources improve, the present diplorable state of things will continue. It is, however, hoped that as already stated the Rokkavecha by Sevartha fees and the expected additional income from temple lands will improve the finances of the temple to an appreciable extent. Additional State aid by way of granting suitable lands free of cost ~~xxx~~ or at a fair upset price is a matter that requires serious consideration.

35 At present the muzrai clerk of the French Rocks Sub Taluk is paid out of the temple funds. In accordance with the recent order of Government, a contribution of 5 per cent is leviable on the income of the temple for the Muzrai Establishment fund. From the above it is evident that no such levy is possible. The institution has therefore to be exempted from any such payment in view of its unsatisfactory financial condition. As this will give occasion to inconvenient and embarassing precedents, provision has been made for the appointment of a clerk on Rs. 20/- ~~ex~~clusive of the pensionary contribution in lieu of the percentage contribution.

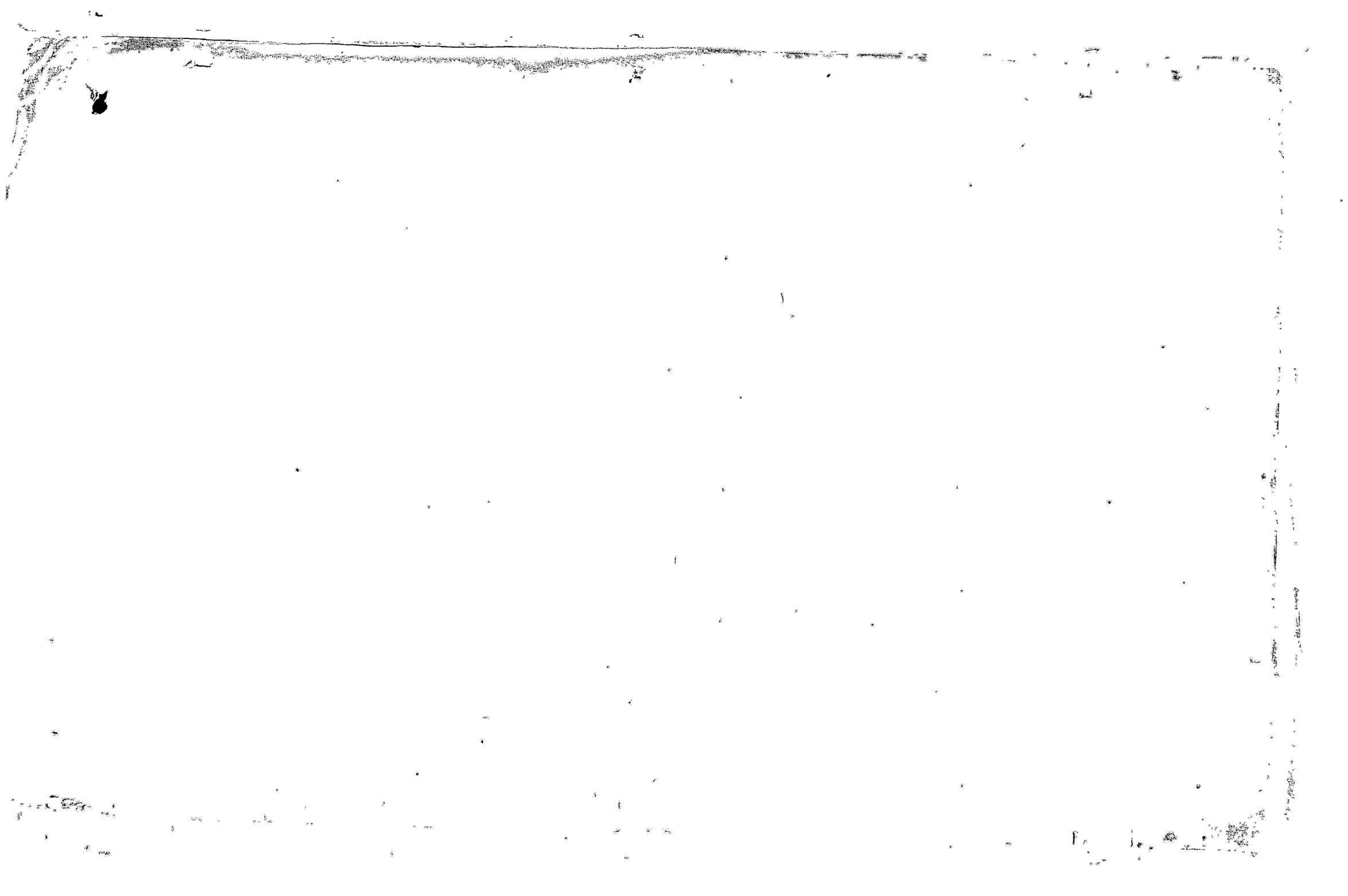
36 The cash and the invested surpluses at the credit of these temples have already been ear-marked for the installation of gold kalasams over the vimana of the Hill temple and for certain other urgent repairs. No portion of these amounts can therefore be appropriated towards the general Muzrai Fund also.

37 Locally there have been complaints that the Dharmadarsis have not been evincing much interest in their work and that matters have been allowed to drift. No convenor has been appointed in the place of the Late Pandit Ratnam Kuppanniengar. The matter therefore requires early attention.

38 An English translation of the Ayakattu Patti of 1878-79 defining clearly the duties of the temple servants is also appended. If this is approved, the enforcement of discipline among the temple servants will be easy.

39 In conclusion it is earnestly hoped that the attempted revision and readjustment of the current expenditure of the temples to suit the present requirements will go a great way to improve the temple affairs and infuse a spirit of toleration and co-operation among the temple servants and other parties who are very much interested in the well-being of this renowned institution.

Muzrai Superintendent.



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To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.773 of 1922-23 dated 22-2-1924 submitting for sanction a revised scale of expenditure in the temples at Melkote, I am directed to state that in the circumstances explained in the note of the late Muzrai Superintendent, Govt. have no objection to a provision of Rs-1-4-0 per month being made for the Nakshatra Katle of Pilllai Lokacharya in the scale of expenditure.

2. I am to observe however that the margin of reserve left according to the scale now submitted is quite inadequate, and that a reserve of about Rs. 1000/- or at least Rs.500/- per year after meeting the prescribed charges should be provided for by a suitable reduction in some of the proposed items of expenditure. Further Govt. are not in favour of exempting the institutions from contributing towards the Muzrai Establishment Fund.

3. I am therefore to request that the scale may be revised so as to make necessary provision for the contributions towards the Establishment Fund and to leave a good margin for the Reserve Fund. If the receipts are found inadequate to meet the absolutely necessary and unavoidable expenses,

the question of supplementing the receipts from other sources may be considered.

4. As regards the imprest to the Peshkar, I am to state that a small imprest of Rs. 50/- should suffice for the purpose, in view of the fact that it can be ~~exempkax~~ recouped as often as necessary.

5. The enclosures to your letter under reply are returned.

I have &c.,

Revenue Secretary to Govt.

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